



Docket No.: SON-2321  
(PATENT)

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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In re Patent Application of:

Hideaki Watanabe et al.

Application No.: 10/040,436

**Confirmation No.: 4774**

Filed: January 9, 2002

Art Unit: 2134

For: PUBLIC KEY CERTIFICATE ISSUING  
SYSTEM, PUBLIC KEY CERTIFICATE  
ISSUING METHOD, DIGITAL  
CERTIFICATION APPARATUS, AND  
PROGRAM STORAGE MEDIUM

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Examiner: J. E. Elmore

**AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL ACTION (37 C.F.R. SECTION 1.116)**

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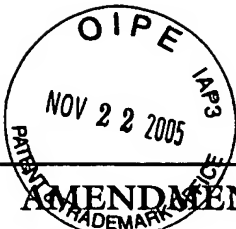
Dear Sir:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

In response to the final Office Action dated September 28, 2005 (Paper No./Mail Date 09202005), finally rejecting claims 1-12 and 17, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 6 of this paper.



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Applicant(s): Hideaki Watanabe et al.					
Invention: PUBLIC KEY CERTIFICATE ISSUING SYSTEM, PUBLIC KEY CERTIFICATE ISSUING METHOD, DIGITAL CERTIFICATION APPARATUS, AND PROGRAM STORAGE MEDIUM					
<b>TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS</b>					
Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.					
The fee has been calculated and is transmitted as shown below.					
<b>CLAIMS AS AMENDED</b>					
	Claims Remaining After Amendment	Highest Number Previously Paid	Number Extra Claims Present	Rate	
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